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To: Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon

From: Chief, Fire Management Branch, Boise, Idaho /s/ *Brian McManus*

Subject: McLane Fire – Updated and Revised Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan Approval

I have reviewed the updated and revised McLane Fire Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan you approved on May 23, 2006, because the combined Burned Area Rehabilitation (9262) funding for the revised Burned Area Emergency Response Plan and this Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan revision exceeded the \$500,000 Regional approval authority threshold.

The treatments and activities proposed in the plan are in accordance with Departmental and Service policy and interagency standards. Total approved FY2006 planned Burned Area Rehabilitation estimated expenditures are:

Treatment/Activity	Amount
non-native invasive species control	\$ 107,301
shrub-steppe native plantings	\$ 118,540
riparian native riparian plantings	\$ 34,935
native seed collection and processing	\$ 3,913
Total	\$ 264,689

The Branch of Fire Management has entered the appropriate data in the National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System database and has initiated the budget allocation process to Region 1 for the additional in project and overhead costs.

The plan indicates that the FY2006 shrub-step and riparian native plantings were scheduled to be completed by March 1 and April 15, 2006, respectively. Please inform the Branch of Fire Management if the \$153,475 for the shrub-steppe and riparian native plantings is still needed since the planned completion dates for these activities came before the plan was reviewed and approved.

The cause of the McLane wildfire was an escaped agricultural burn which the responsible party is known. Since suppression, emergency stabilization, and burned area rehabilitation costs have already exceed \$2 million, it is important that the ongoing fire trespass investigation and prosecution continue in order to recover at least some of these costs.

cc:

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